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Attorney Docket No.: 43890-620
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: :
: Customer No.20277
Kunio KISHIMOTO, et al. :
: Confirmation No.: 8247
Serial No.: 10/733,283 :
: Group Art Unit: 3724
Filed: December 12, 2003 : Examiner: TIMOTHY V. ELEY
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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A CIRCUIT BOARD AND ITS
MANUFACTURING APPARATUS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed July 28, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire August 28, 2005, wherein the Examiner restricted claims 1-66 into various Groups and Species, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-49 were cancelled upon filing the instant application, and as a result, the pending restriction requirement is improper and must be withdrawn. It is noted that the claims were cancelled in the transmittal sheet (see, numeral 6), which is believed to be an acceptable method of canceling claims at the time of filing the above-identified Divisional application.

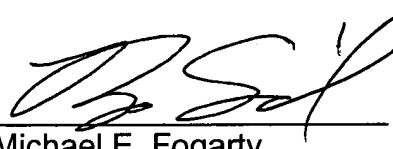
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully requests that the pending restriction requirement be withdrawn.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0417. A duplicate copy of this Response is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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